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Attorney Docket No. 2356.0073-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Sebastian SUERBAUM et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/015,078 ) Group Art Unit: 1644  
Filed: January 29, 1998 ) Examiner: S. Turner  
For: CLONING AND CHARACTERIZATION )  
OF THE *flba* GENE OF *H. PYLORI*, )  
PRODUCTION OF AFLAGELLATE )  
STRAINS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 11**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2000 (Paper No. 11). While a shortened statutory period for response was set to expire three months from the mailing date, filed herewith is a Petition for extension of time.

Please amend this application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 37-42.

Please add the following claims:

--43. A method for the *in vitro* detection of an infection due to *H. pylori* in a sample of biological fluid from a patient, wherein the method comprises:

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